

8.605 Exceptions.

Purchase from FPI is not mandatory and a waiver is not required if—

- (a)(1) The contracting officer makes a determination that the FPI item of supply is not comparable to supplies available from the private sector that best meet the Government's needs in terms of price, quality, and time of delivery; and
- (2) The item is acquired in accordance with 8.602(b)(4);
- (b) Public exigency requires immediate delivery or performance;
- (c) Suitable used or excess supplies are available;
- (d) The supplies are acquired and used outside the United States;
- (e) Acquiring listed items totaling \$2,500 or less;
- (f) Acquiring items that FPI offers exclusively on a competitive (non-mandatory) basis, as identified in the FPI Schedule; or
- (g) Acquiring services.

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8.606 Evaluating FPI performance.

Agencies shall evaluate FPI contract performance in accordance with subpart 42.15. Performance evaluations do not negate the requirements of 8.602 and 8.604, but they may be used to support a waiver request in accordance with 8.604.

8.607 Performance as a subcontractor.

Agencies shall not require a contractor, or subcontractor at any tier, to use FPI as a subcontractor for performance of a contract by any means, including means such as—

- (a) A solicitation provision requiring a potential contractor to offer to make use of FPI supplies or services;
- (b) A contract specification requiring the contractor to use specific supplies or services (or classes of supplies or services) offered by FPI; or
- (c) Any contract modification directing the use of FPI supplies or services.

8.608 Protection of classified and sensitive information.

Agencies shall not enter into any contract with FPI that allows an inmate worker access to any—

- (a) Classified data;
- (b) Geographic data regarding the location of—
 - (1) Surface and subsurface infrastructure providing communications or water or electrical power distribution;
 - (2) Pipelines for the distribution of natural gas, bulk petroleum products, or other commodities; or
 - (3) Other utilities; or
- (c) Personal or financial information about any individual private citizen, including information relating to such person's real property however described, without the prior consent of the individual.

Subpart 8.7—Acquisition From Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

8.700 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes the policies and procedures for implementing the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46–48c), referred to in this subpart as “the JWOD Act,” and the rules of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (41 CFR chapter 51).

[59 FR 67027, Dec. 28, 1994]

8.701 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

Allocation, means an action taken by a central nonprofit agency to designate the JWOD participating nonprofit agencies that will furnish definite quantities of supplies or perform specific services upon receipt of orders from ordering offices.

Central nonprofit agency, means National Industries for the Blind (NIB), which has been designated to represent people who are blind; or NISH, which has been designated to represent JWOD participating nonprofit agencies serving people with severe disabilities other than blindness.

Committee, means the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

Government or entity of the Government means any entity of the legislative or judicial branch, any executive

agency, military department, Government corporation, or independent establishment, the U.S. Postal Service, or any nonappropriated-fund instrumentality of the Armed Forces.

Ordering office means any activity in an entity of the Government that places orders for the purchase of supplies or services under the JWOD Program.

Procurement List, means a list of supplies (including military resale commodities) and services that the Committee has determined are suitable for purchase by the Government under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act.

Nonprofit agency serving people who are blind or nonprofit agency serving people with other severe disabilities (referred to jointly as JWOD participating nonprofit agencies) means a qualified nonprofit agency employing people who are blind or have other severe disabilities approved by the Committee to furnish a commodity or a service to the Government under the Act.

[59 FR 67027, Dec. 28, 1994, as amended at 66 FR 2128, Jan. 10, 2001]

8.702 General.

The Committee is an independent Government activity with members appointed by the President of the United States. It is responsible for—

- (a) Determining those supplies and services to be purchased by all entities of the Government from JWOD participating nonprofit agencies;
- (b) Establishing prices for the supplies and services; and
- (c) Establishing rules and regulations to implement the JWOD Act.

[59 FR 67028, Dec. 28, 1994]

8.703 Procurement list.

The Committee maintains a Procurement List of all supplies and services required to be purchased from JWOD participating nonprofit agencies. The Procurement List may be accessed at: <http://www.jwod.gov/procurementlist>.

Questions concerning whether a supply item or service is on the Procurement List may be submitted at Internet e-mail address info@jwod.gov or referred to the Committee offices at the following address and telephone number: Committee for Purchase From People

Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-3259, (703) 603-7740.

Many items on the Procurement List are identified in the General Services Administration (GSA) Supply Catalog and GSA's Customer Service Center Catalogs with a black square and the words "NIB/NISH Mandatory Source," and in similar catalogs issued by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). GSA, DLA, and VA are central supply agencies from which other Federal agencies are required to purchase certain supply items on the Procurement List.

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8.704 Purchase priorities.

(a) The JWOD Act requires the Government to purchase supplies or services on the Procurement List, at prices established by the Committee, from JWOD participating nonprofit agencies if they are available within the period required. When identical supplies or services are on the Procurement List and the Schedule of Products issued by Federal Prison Industries, Inc., ordering offices shall purchase supplies and services in the following priorities:

- (1) Supplies:
 - (i) Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (41 U.S.C. 48).
 - (ii) JWOD participating nonprofit agencies.
 - (iii) Commercial sources.
- (2) Services:
 - (i) JWOD participating nonprofit agencies.
 - (ii) Federal Prison Industries, Inc., or commercial sources.

(b) No other provision of the FAR shall be construed as permitting an exception to the mandatory purchase of items on the Procurement List.

(c) The Procurement List identifies those supplies for which the ordering office must obtain a formal waiver (8.604) from Federal Prison Industries, Inc., before making any purchases from